

November 6, 2001

HONORING MARILYN BUCHI OF
FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Marilyn Buchi, a constituent of mine from Fullerton, California. As the outgoing President for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) for 2001, I wanted to recognize Marilyn for her continuous efforts on behalf of children and education throughout the local community and the State of California.

Her involvement has benefited a variety of organizations, including the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, National Assistance League and American Heart Association. She was named the 1998 Woman of the Year by the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce. Marilyn has served on the Fullerton high school board since 1983 and has been on the board of the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program. She has been active in the CSBA for more than a decade.

Her leadership benefits our community and she serves as a role model for our youth. It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Marilyn and bring to the attention of Congress this successful educator as she finishes her term as President of CSBA.

RECOGNIZING THE PATRIOTISM OF
ROARING BROOK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL'S 3RD GRADE CLASS

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the accomplishments of students in my district who have shown true patriotism in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attacks. In recognition of their achievements, I would like to read their letter to you and the American people:

Since the events of September 11, 2001, it has been a time for patriotism. In Avon, Connecticut, a third grade class (7 and 8 year olds) of Roaring Brook Elementary School, has tried to be better patriots. They have learned state capitals. They have talked about the nation's history and what it means to be an American. They have made red, white and blue pins for their mothers and made a quilt of flag pictures.

They have also found that being a patriot is something like Thanksgiving—everywhere they look they see things that are special about America, and worth being thankful for. So, if you do not want to fly the flag, make pins or recite state capitals, the 3rd graders of Roaring Brook Elementary School suggest that you can be a patriot in some much simpler ways. They invite you to join them in thinking about some of the special things in America, and why those are worth some kind of special effort in this special time.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 425, H.R. 3150, The Secure Transportation for America Act of 2001. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased that the amendment I offered, which would allow sky marshals to fly home on their days off at no cost to themselves, was considered as part of the manager's amendment to H.R. 3150. While this amendment is a simple change, it could provide up to 20 percent additional law enforcement on flights and provide complimentary seats to the sky marshals that wish to return home on their days off.

Frankly, I believe this provision is a winner for everyone. For the airlines, it provides an added measure of security on flights, for the sky marshals, it enables them to be home with their families during their time off, for the government, it is cost effective in terms of providing additional flight security at no additional cost to the government, and for the public it is an additional layer of security to ensure our airways are safe.

Finally, in a very small way, it expresses our gratitude towards the individuals who risk their lives everyday to ensure our safety while traveling on airplanes.

AMERICA'S CAREGIVERS—
EVERYDAY HEROES

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, in the 2 months since September 11, Americans have discovered that the age of heroes is not past. We have rediscovered that heroes do not live in movies or on the pages of novels, but in the everyday reality of our military units, our police stations, fire departments, and post offices. And we have discovered that, unlike our enemies, American heroes make their sacrifices in the cause of life, not death.

It is only right, then, that during this season of thanksgiving, when history demands that we give particular thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals and as a Nation, we give special recognition to another group of everyday heroes: America's caregivers.

The generous support provided by caregivers to those who need help if they are to remain in their homes and communities is a reflection of American family and community life at its best. Thanks to the efforts of these everyday heroes, Americans with disabilities and a growing number of elderly Americans are able to stay in familiar surroundings and to maintain their dignity and independence. Caregivers share not only their time, but also their resources, spending some \$2 billion a month of their own assets for groceries, medicine, and other aid. Surely, their extraordinary gen-

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erosity and compassion fits our definition of heroism.

A care recipient is a person who may be ill, elderly, or disabled or otherwise needs assistance with the tasks associated with daily living. A 1999 study prepared by the National Alliance for Caregivers reported that 23 percent of American adults regard themselves as family caregivers of individuals aged 50 and older. In addition, the report notes that one in five care recipients live in the caregiver's home.

But the efforts of our caregivers are not limited to caring for the elderly or disabled. The challenges of 21st Century society have created a new category of caregiving in America. Many older relatives now take care of children whose parents are not able to care for their children themselves. These generous seniors, who in many cases had already raised their own children and were looking forward to retirement, have embraced the challenges of parenting a new generation of young people. Their everyday heroism gives millions of our most vulnerable youth the opportunity to grow up in stable, loving homes, nurtured in America's traditional values.

America's caregivers—everyday heroes among us—deserve our lasting gratitude and respect. Today, it is my honor, and pleasure, to recognize the many contributions that America's caregivers make to the quality of our national life. Thank you, and may God bless America.

SECURE TRANSPORTATION FOR
AMERICA ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3150) to improve aviation security, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Democratic alternative to federalize our airport security. September 11, 2001 will forever be remembered as a day that evil visited our great nation as never before. Four hijacked airliners were transformed into missiles, slamming into the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. These attacks caused enormous and previously unthinkable loss of life.

The Senate has approved the Aviation Security Act by a unanimous vote of 100-0. This bill calls for a federal force of 28,000 passenger and baggage screeners and armed security guards at key checkpoints throughout airports. The bipartisan Senate plan includes many measures the President supports, including more plainclothes sky marshals on commercial flights and strengthened cockpit doors. The Aviation Security Act, as passed by the Senate, represents precisely the kind of action Congress should take to respond to the September 11 attacks.

Mr. Chairman, the primary responsibility of the federal government is to ensure the safety and security of the American people. Our recovery from the economic downturn is being